Estate duty tax is not applicable for the Assessment year 2000-2001. Since commercial taxes are a subject matter of the State Government's details in respect of the same cannot be furnished by the Ministry of Finance.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House shortly.

(c) Most of the demands are disputed in appeals and appeals are pending before various appellate authorities and courts. Some of the demands are also stayed by courts and appellate authorities. The recovery of tax, however, is a continuous process involving the use of various statutory provisions. These include charging of interest levy of penalty, attachement and sale of moveable and immovable properties, etc. Periodical review and monitoring of cases involving high demands are made by higher authorities on a regular basis and necessary instructions are issued from time to time for effecting the recovery of taxes.

Talks with Malaysia for crude oil

† *396. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made alternative arrangements for getting crude oil in case supplies are disturbed from Middle East due to abnormal situation;

(b) if so, the names of countries from where crude would be imported;

(c) whether talks have been held with Malaysia for supplies of crude; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) As of now, disruption in sourcing of crude oil requirements from the Middle East is not expected.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

crude oil being a freely traded commodity, in the case of disruption of crude oil supply from any country, the requirement can be met from alternative sources.

(c) and (d) Indian Oil Corporation, has a term contract with Malaysia for supply of IS lakh metric tonnes of crude oil during 2001-2002.

Sound and light show at Warrangal

† *397. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state*.

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government for giving permission for sound and light show at 1000 pillar temple at Warrangal; and

(b) if so, by when the Director-General, ASI, is going to inspect the temple for according the permission?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that Archaeological Survey of India has carried out the inspection of the 1000 pillar temple at Warrangal on 17th August, 2001.

Illegal import of cigarettes

* 398. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that illegal import of cigarettes *via* 'Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar, China and other countries' is causing heavy loss to the exchequer; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that illegal import of cigarettes has adversely affected the Indian tobacco growers; and

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